

REMARKS

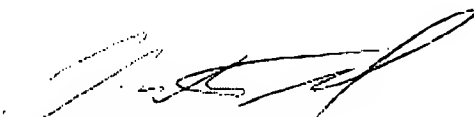
This Amendment is submitted to supplement the September 27, 1999 Amendment to add new claims 42-52, which were referred to in the Remarks, but inadvertently omitted from the Amendment itself.

Applicants have added new claim 42 which corresponds to allowable claim 18 and have added new dependent claims 43-52, which correspond to dependent claims already pending in the application. Accordingly, allowance of claims 42-52 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the objections and rejections has been addressed and withdrawal thereof to place the application in condition for immediate allowance is respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner is not in a position to issue an immediate Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's attorneys with a view towards resolving any outstanding issues.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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